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IN MEMORIAM.

LEWIS G. BELL.

MR. LEWIS G. BELL, of Lynchburg, Virginia, the head of the house of J. P. Bell Company, publishers of the VIRGINIA LAW REGISTER, died suddenly of heart disease at the Bromine Arsenic Springs in Ashe county, North Carolina, on August 5, 1903, in the forty-first year of his age.

To all who knew Mr. Bell, the news of his death will bring a sense of personal loss out of the usual order. A man of fine natural ability, cultivated by years of assiduous attention to a growing business, he stood, as men thought, upon the threshold of an unusually successful career. Quiet in his demeanor, he was endowed with the thoroughness and accuracy which make a man a master in his calling. His methods were simple, direct and straightforward, and as a consequence he was honored in his community, which held his word equivalent to his sealed assurance. In the VIRGINIA LAW REGISTER he took a deep personal pride, and in the recent enlargement of its scope was prompt to volunteer his cordial co-operation with the projected plans. Labor with such a man was delightful.

The impress of his strong personality upon all who knew him well will not easily be effaced. The world is better for the lives of such men—men who construe liberally and yet fill out to the full the measure of the tasks allotted them—who are not always looking at the material as the essence of life's efforts, but who now and then turn aside to other paths which are as fruitful of substantial good and bring no sorrow with them.